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Legislature when he is doing his job, when he is giving us the full information of what bills, what pay out dates should be changed to meet this.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, Senator Keyes, I think that is true. I would not fight with that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, first I would like to congratulate Senator Carsten and the Committee and the Clerk on the plain printing of the Committee statement. This is one that I can read quite easily. It pleases me, and in reading this, I see that the State Auditor was interested that this 5 to 7 percent overlay be used as a reserve, a minimum balance in the General Fund, and I call upon Senator Carsten at this time to fill in the details of that conversation from the State Auditor that wants fifteen, twenty-five million dollar minimum balance in the General Fund.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, Senator Kelly, that was a part of the testimony that Mr. Johnson gave to us. Quite frankly, it was a little bit complicated. His explanation of it was a little complicated. I do not believe that the Committee fully understood his explanation and visiting with him later he admitted that it was not very plainly presented. The Committee did not use his comments, in that respect, to incorporate into the amendment. They completely ignored it, and for that reason, it was not taken into consideration. However, if I may, Senator Kelly, I think that there may very well be some merit to his suggestion, and hopefully, we can maybe work something out in that regard a little bit later but the Committee did not see fit to do it at this time.

SENATOR KELLY: Okay, thank you very much, Senator Carsten. As I understand the written statement in the Committee report, is that it would require at all times a given amount of money be the minimum balance in the General Fund. This would appear to me to be idle money laying in interest accounts and not available for expenditure by the state agencies. My understanding of the overlay, or the reserves that we have for collection of taxes is to protect the income into the General Fund but not restricting the money that is going out of the General Fund and I am thankful for Senator Carsten's explanation that in LB 651 there is nothing that creates a minimum balance in the General Fund. I would support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, all I want to do is ask Senator, I believe it is all I want to do, right at the moment. This is law and order Syas standing up. I am proud of it. Anyhow, I would like to ask Senator Carsten a question. I am going to make a short statement ahead of it. During the special session, we finally